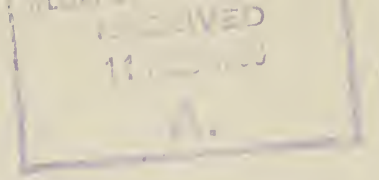


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BOROUGH OF KIDNELLY.

Borough Offices,
KIDNELLY.

28th October, 1959.

Dear Sir/Madam,

Medical Officer of Health's Report
for the year ending 31st December,
1958.

I herewith enclose copy of the Medical
Officer of Health's Report for the year 1958.

Yours faithfully,

J.E.Vaughan Evans


Chartered Surveyor.

REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
FOR THE YEAR 1958.

To the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of the Kidwelly Borough.
Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is gratifying to report that there were no serious epidemics of notifiable infectious diseases during the year. Influenza was again troublesome during the first half of the year, a fact which was reflected by a sharp rise in the N.H.I. rates. An improvement in the unfavourable trend in births and deaths for 1957 was shown during the year. Live births exceeded deaths by 7. Infant and maternal mortality rates continue to compare favourably with the national rates. Cardiovascular conditions caused 59% and respiratory diseases, excluding **T.B.** 10.3% of the deaths in the mortality statistics, which are again unfavourable when compared to the national statistics.

Slow progress is being made in the connection of dwellings to the sewerage system. It is disappointing to report that out of 901 inhabited dwellings in the area, only 383 are as yet connected to the sewerage system.



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BOROUGH OF KIDWELLY.

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31ST 1958.

TO THE KIDWELLY TOWN COUNCIL.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

We beg to submit the Annual Report for the year ended December 31st 1958.

SECTION A - STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE BOROUGH.

- a. Your district covers an area of.....2844 acres
b. Population (Mid-year 1958) Est. by Registrar General.....2980
c. Number of inhabited houses (end of 1958).....901
d. Number of families or separate occupiers.....918
e. Sum represented by a Penny Rate on R.R.V.....£69.0.0.
f. Rateable Value.....£17960.0.0
g. Unemployment. The average number of unemployment for the year was 40 weekly out of an insurable population of 1,200 which is equivalent to 3.3%.

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS OF THE YEAR.

Births and Deaths.

	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Live births.	18	28	46
Still births.	1	Nil	1
Deaths.	18	21	39
Deaths of infants under four weeks.	1	Nil	1

	<u>Rate per 1,000 of estimated population.</u>		
	<u>Crude or Actual rate.</u>	<u>Adjusted Rate.</u>	<u>Rate for England & Wales.</u>
Live births.	15.44	15.13	16.4
Deaths.	13.09	15.58	11.7
Still births rate per 1,000 live & still births.	34.48		21.6

Infant Mortality.

Rate per 1,000 live births. 21.74 22.5

Maternal Mortality per 1,000 births.

Nil

.43

There was one illegitimate birth in the Borough during the 12 months.

CAUSES OF DEATH IN KIDWELLY BOROUGH DURING THE YEAR 1958.

	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Females.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Respiratory Tuberculosis.	1	-	1
Malignant neoplasm, uterus.	-	1	1
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms.	1	-	1
Leukaemia, Aleukaemia.	-	1	1
Vascular Lesions on nervous system.	1	4	5
Coronary disease, angina.	3	3	6
Hypertensions with heart disease.	-	1	1
Other heart diseases.	4	4	8
Other circulatory diseases.	2	1	3
Pneumonia.	-	1	1
Bronchitis.	1	-	1
Other diseases of respiratory system.	2	-	2
Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea.	-	1	1
Nephritis and Nephrosis.	-	2	2
Congenital Malformations.	1	-	1
Other defined and ill-defined diseases.	1	2	3
Motor vehicle accidents.	1	-	1

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

The following notifications were received:-

	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Measles.	3	3	6
Erysipelas.	1	-	1

TUBERCULOSIS - NOTIFICATION OF NEW CASES.

<u>Age.</u>	<u>Respiratory.</u>		
	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
45 - 64	1	-	1

There was one death from Respiratory Tuberculosis during the year.

INFLUENZA.

This disease was again prevalent during the early part of the year, causing a steep rise in the I.H.I. sickness rates.

DIPHTHERIA. There were no deaths from diphtheria during the year.

Immunisation figures.

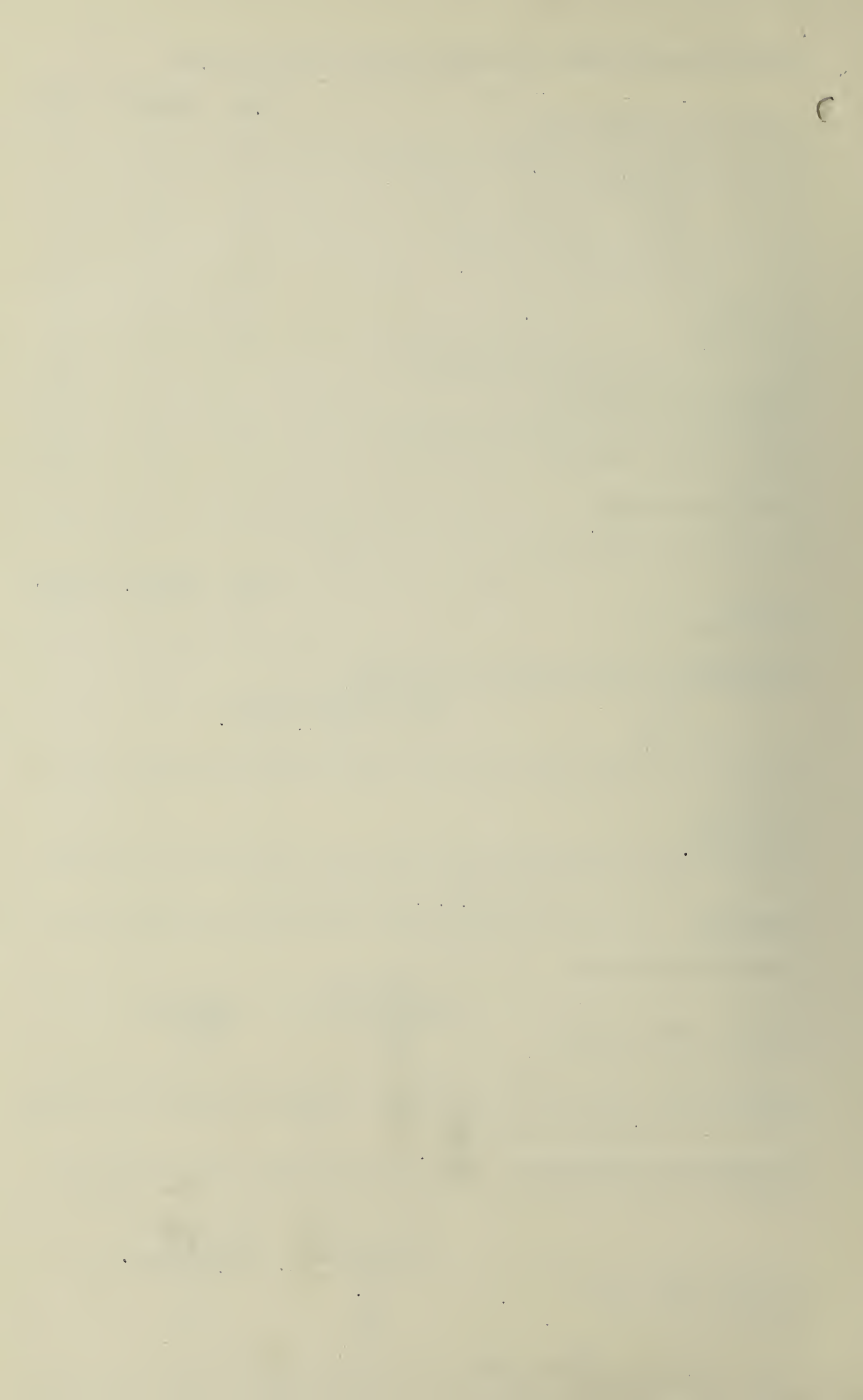
	<u>Primary</u> <u>Immunisation.</u>	<u>Boosters.</u>
Children under 5 years.	28	Nil
Children over 5 years.	Nil	Nil

VACCINATIONS. There are no figures of vaccination available for the Borough but an estimated 47.62% of all registered births in the County were vaccinated during the year.

POLIOMYELITIS VACCINATION. Again no figures were available for the Borough but the following are figures given for the whole County:-

	<u>Received two</u> <u>injections.</u>	<u>Received one</u> <u>injection.</u>
Children under 15 years.	14,347	800
Persons 15/25 years.	744	-
Expectant Mothers.	418	12
Others.	133	-

Total number of children under 15 years of age vaccinated since introduction of scheme.....23,149 (65% of those eligible).



GENERAL HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES.

Clinic.	Where held.	When held.	Times.
Infant Welfare.	Trinity Methodist.	Alternate Tuesdays.	2 - 4.0.p.m.
ante-natal.	do	Fridays.	9.30. - 12,noon.
Chest Clinic.	Bay View, Capel Road, Llanelli.	Daily.	9.a.m - 5.0.p.m.
Veneral Diseases.	Llanelli General Hospital.	Males Thursdays.	6.30.p.m. - 9.p.m.
		Females Wednesdays.	2.0.p.m - 4.p.m.
		Treatment only daily.	7.30.a.m. - 4.30.
		Saturdays.	7.30.a.m. - 1.p.m.

LABORATORY FACILITIES. Specimens are sent to the Public Health Laboratory Carmarthen and to the Public Analyst, Carmarthen.

DISTRIBUTION OF WELFARE FOOD. National Welfare Food which were formally distributed by the Ministry of Food, are now distributed under arrangement of the Carmarthenshire County Council. The centre is open daily at the Borough Offices, Kidwelly.

HOME NURSING EQUIPMENT. Sick-room and nursing articles and equipment required for patients at home can be obtained as follows:-

- From the County Nursing Association or from the District Nursing Association. Applications should be made to the District Nurse.
 - from the County Medical Officer of Health.
- Patients are charged according to the family circumstances and the cost of the article.

Equipment provided under the County Council arrangements included air beds, air rings, bed cradles, bed pans, back rests, crutches, urinals, waterproof sheets etc.,

HOME HELP SERVICE. The Home Help Service is organised by the Carmarthenshire County Council. The Home Helps are provided during the laying-in period in maternity cases where the patient has no relative available to undertake the domestic duties of the home, and also in certain cases of sickness or need. For those on National Assistant, domestic help can be arranged when needed through the National Assistant Board. The Health Department collaborate closely with the Officials responsible for the services enumerated above.

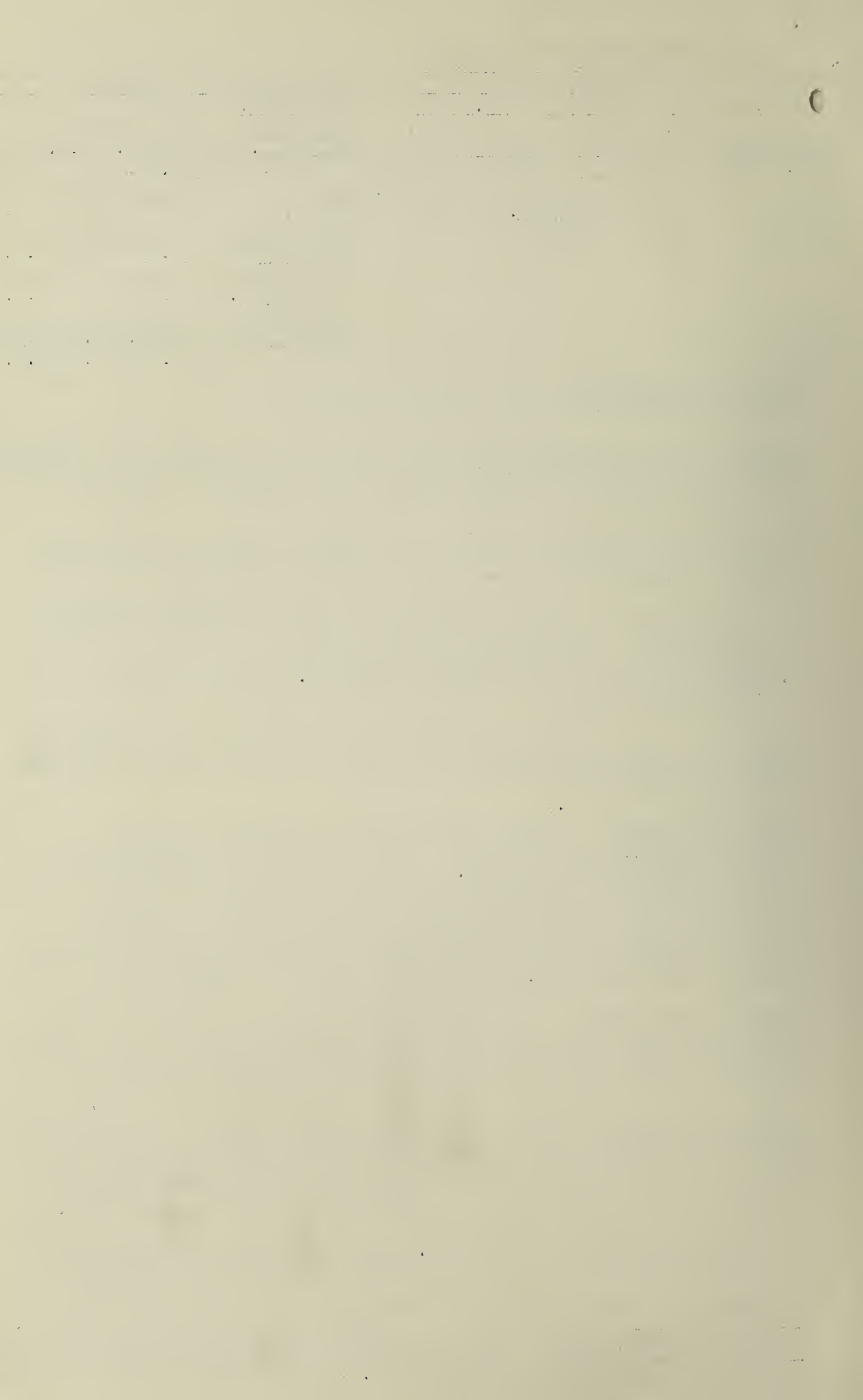
MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE. The Officer duly authorised to take initial proceedings under the Lunacy and Mental Treatment Acts for the provision and care and treatment of persons in the area suffering from mental illness is Mr.D.A.John, 61, Llandafen Road, Pemberton, Llanelli.

MENTAL DEFECTIVES. The Carmarthenshire County Council is responsible for the ascertainment, supervision and general welfare of mental defectives. Supervisory home visits are made by a Social Work and a Home Teacher is also employed for the hometeaching of mental defectives. An occupation Centre was opened at the Old Nevill's Foundry Offices, Anne Street, Llanelli, during 1956.

Defectives who cannot be fitted into the community are referred to the Regional Hospital Board for admission to suitable institutions.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT 1947 - No action was necessary during the year.

VAPOUR GAS DISINFECTOR. This was jointly acquired by the Llanelli Borough, Llanelli Rural, Burry Port U.D.C. and Kidwelly Borough Councils and was installed early in 1955.



SECTION C - SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

WATER. The Town's supply is obtained from wells in different parts of the district, and from deep seated springs tapped and delivered by cast iron mains to the town. All supplies are constant.

CAPEL SUL SUPPLY. This yields a minimum supply of about 12,000 gallons per day.

MILLANDS SUPPLY. During the summer months, this supply is used to augment the Capel Sul Supply. During the year 1958 the pumps were used for 6,234 hours as compared with 4,665 hours in 1957.

CAE CEFN SUPPLY. This supply gives a minimum flow of 15,000 gallons per day. A gauging chamber has been fixed to record the overflow from the collecting chamber which has shown a constant flow of 10,000 gallons daily.

MAESGWENLLIAN SUPPLY. This is from deep seated springs tapped in a disused Silve Mine Adit Level, giving a minimum supply of approximately 36,000 gallons in 24 hours. There is a storage tank for 10,000 gallons.

CHLORINATION OF SUPPLIES. The three supplies are constantly chlorinated and chlorination tests of water are taken daily (including Sundays).

QUARRY WATER SUPPLY. This supply was used for 31 days during 1958.

CONSUMPTION OF WATER. The estimated consumption of water for the year was:-

Domestic consumption.....	30.25 gallons per day.
Industrial consumption.....	<u>10.14</u> gallons per day.
	<u>40.39</u>

The supplies have been satisfactory in quantity. 67 samples were taken during the year and found to be satisfactory. Examinations are made by the Public Health Laboratory, Carmarthen. 37 samples were taken of raw water. The waters are not plumbo-solvent.

All houses have direct supplies except 40 which are supplied from standpipes. The population supplied by standpipes is 220 which is 4.64%.

RIVERS AND STREAMS. No action was necessary during the year.

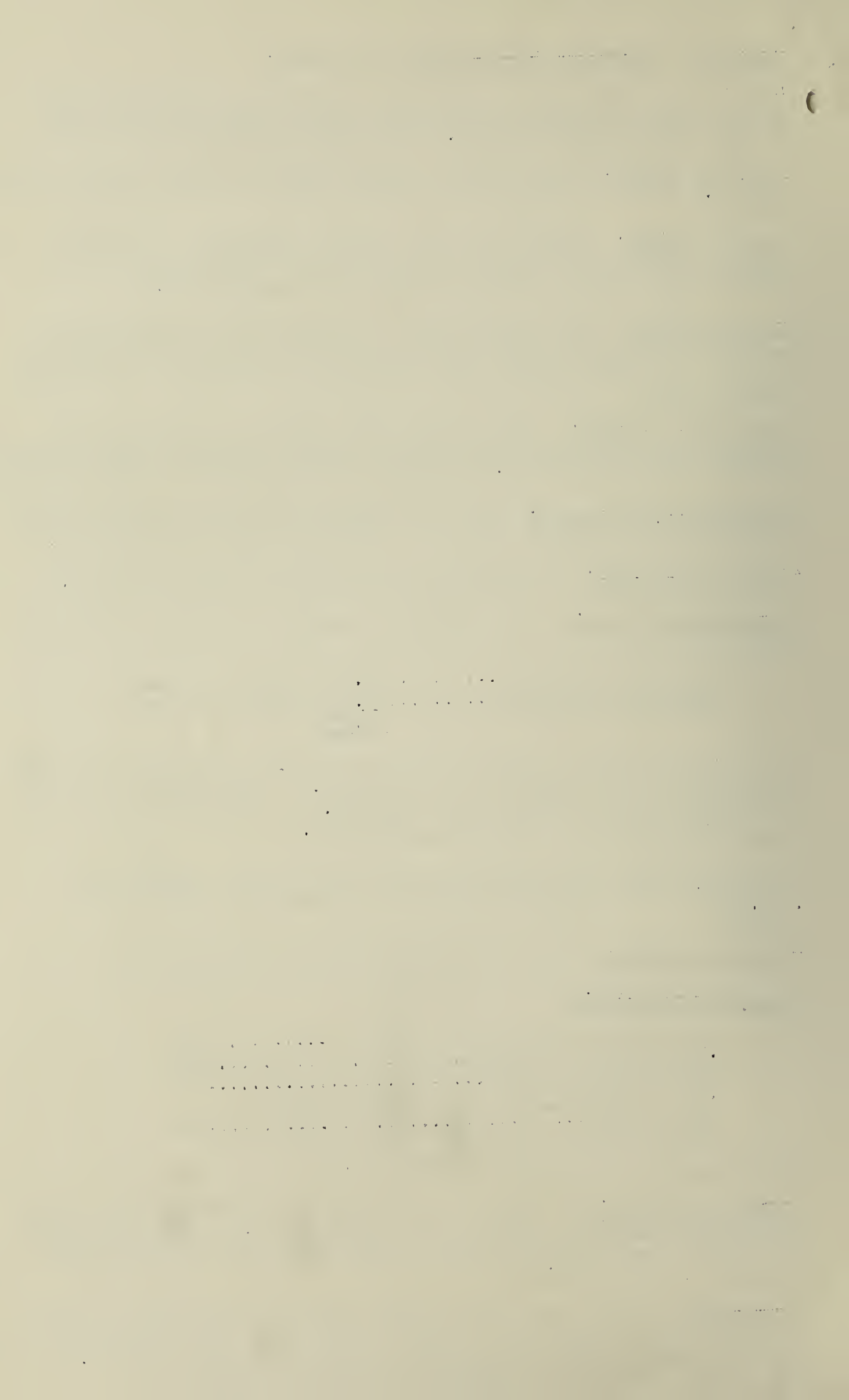
CLOSET ACCOMMODATION.

No. of houses connected to sewer.....	388
No. of houses to cesspools.....	29
No. of cesspools in area.....	7
No. of notices served to lay sewers through private land.....	1

The remainder of houses have earth closets.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCES. There are two Public Conveniences in the centre of the Town which are cleaned and disinfected daily. The convenience in Station Road provide for Ladies and Gentlemen and the one on the Bridge is a stall urinal.

SCAVENGING. House refuse is collected weekly from all houses in the Borough by motor lorry and is tipped on the Morfa Mawr Embankment and Parc Stephens where it is deposited to raise the level of the Park. The vehicle used is a new Bantam Karrier with a covered top.



SMOKE ABATEMENT. There were no complaints or evidence of smoke nuisance in the town during the year.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA.

Houses inspected for nuisance.....	4
Houses fumigated after infectious diseases.....	2
Factories.....	20
Dairies.....	24
Ice-cream premises.....	16
Bakchouses.....	12
Butcher's shops.....	6
Rat infestation.....	705
Drains.....	39
Water courses.....	10
Public Conveniences.....	52
Water Supply.....	372

LIST OF REPAIRS EXECUTED.

Repairs to water services.....	372
Repairs to doors.....	8
Repairs to roofs.....	6
Galv., tanks, copper cylinders & boilers replaced.....	14
Drain blockages cleared.....	39

Notices served under Section 23 - 1945 of the Public Health Act..Nil.

SWIMMING BATHS AND POOLS. There are no such baths in the Borough, but a considerable amount of sea-bathing is enjoyed by the inhabitants during the summer months.

SCHOOLS. The three schools in the Borough are infants and primary. They are kept in a hygienic condition. The water supplies are from the Council's mains. Canteens are available in each school.

The schools Medical Officer of Health is Dr.Rees Evans. The Borough Medical Officer of Health works in conjunction with him and his staff. It was not necessary to close the schools on account of any epidemic. The powers to exclude any individual children and contacts are used.

150 children from the Borough attend Burry Port Central School. They are conveyed to and from school by bus.

MORTUARY. Post Mortems are now being performed at the Llanelly Hospital.

CAMPING SITES. There are no camping sites in the Borough.

SECTION D - HOUSING.

1. a. Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects under Public Health or Housing Act.....16
b. Number of inspections made for the purpose.....18
2. a. Number of dwelling houses (included under sub-head 1) above which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations 1925 and 1932.....6
b. Number of inspections made for the purpose.....8
3. a. Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under proceeding sub-head) found not to be in all respect fit for human habitation.....4
4. a. Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation..4

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REMEDY OF DEFECTS DURING THE YEAR WITHOUT SERVICE OF FORMAL NOTICES.

Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers.....11

ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS DURING THE YEAR.

Proceedings taken under the Rent Act 1957:-

Number of Certificates of Disrepair served.....1

Proceedings under section 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act 1936:-

1. Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices:-

By owners.....2
By Local Authority in default of owners.....Nil

2. Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs.....2

Proceedings under Public Health Acts.

a. Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied.....9

b. Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices:-

By owners.....9
By local authority in default of owners.....Nil

Proceedings under Section 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936.

a. Number of dwellings in respect of demolition Orders.....Nil

b. Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of demolition orders.....Nil

Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936.

a. Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which closing orders were made.....Nil

b. Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenements or rooms having been rendered fit.....Nil

HOUSING ACT 1936 - PART IV - OVERCROWDING.

a. Number of dwelling houses overcrowded at the end of the year.....6

b. Number of families dwelling therein.....17

c. Number of persons dwelling therein.....25

d. Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year.....1

e. Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year.....Nil

f. Number of persons concerned.....Nil

g. Particulars of any cases in which dwelling houses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding.....Nil

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HOUSING PROGRAMME GENERALLY.

houses were completed by private enterprise during the year 1958.

HOUSING PROGRAMME OF THE COUNCIL (POST WAR).

Houses already built and occupied on Hillfield Housing Site.....	32
Houses already built and occupied on Horeb Road Housing Site.....	20
Houses already built and occupied on Priory Road Housing Site.....	54
Houses already built and occupied on Pen-yr-erw Housing Site.....	6
	<u>112</u>

HOUSING SCHEMES UNDER CONSIDERATION.

Gardde Housing Site.....	14
Station Road (Flatlets).....	2
Priory Street.....	2
Pen-yr-erw.....	6
	<u>24</u>

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

The number of food premises in the area are:-

	<u>Number.</u>	<u>No. registered.</u>	<u>Inspections.</u>
Butchers.	3	3	6
Grocers.	15		12
Confectioners.	2	2	12
Bakers.	1	1	4
Fish Shop.	1		4
Dairies.	8	8	24
Factories.	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>12</u>
	<u>32</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>74</u>

CLEAN FOOD. Posters are displayed in Public Buildings drawing attention to the Public to Food Hygiene.

CONDEMNED FOOD. 56 condemnation certificates were issued for 56 separated tins mainly comprising of tins of meat, fruit, cream, milk, etc.,

Condemned food is buried in lime on the Council's refuse tip.

Under the Food and Drugs Act, 1938, Carmarthenshire County Inspectors take samples of milk for examination in regard to addition of water and percentage of fat.

MILK SAMPLES. 19 samples of mailk have been taken during the year and found to be in the following:-

18 Satisfactory.
1 Unsatisfactory.

ICE-CREAM SAMPLES. 32 samples of ice cream were taken and upon examination were found to be in the following grades:-

GRADE 1 - 20
GRADE 2 - 5
GRADE 3 - 3
GRADE 4 - 4

Reports of all unsatisfactory samples are followed up.

ADULTERATION ETC. No action was necessary under the various powers.

RODENT CONTROL. The Council employ a Rodent Operator for the destruction of rats in the Borough.

MAINTENANCE TREATMENT FOR RATS IN SEWERS.

Total number of manholes in foul and connected systems.....206
 Number of treatments carried out.....2
 Number of manholes baited.....206
 Number of manholes showing prebait take.....28
 Number of manholes showing complete prebait take.....23

Inspection of all farms in the Borough are carried out quarterly.

	Local authority.	Dwelling houses.	All other.	Total	Agri.
No. of properties in Local Authority's District.	3	816	150	969	43
No. of properties inspected as a result of:- Notification.		30	10	40	
Survey under the Act. .	2	650	70	722	43
No. of properties inspected in Sect. 11 which were found to be infested by					
a. (Major					
Rats. (Minor	1	156	70	227	6
(Major					
Mice. (Minor	2	100		102	5
No. of infested properties in Section 4 treated by Local Authority.	3	25	70	229	
Total treatments carried out including re-treatment.	5				
No. of block control schemes carried out.	50		50		

We remain,
 Your obedient Servants,

Dr. E. H. Beynon Hopkins, M.R.C.S. (Eng). L.R.C.P. (London) D.P.H.

J. E. Vaughan Evans, Surveyor and Engineer, F.R.I.C.S.,
 M.I.Mun.E., (Testamur) M.A.P.H.I.,
 A.M.I.S.E., Registered Architect.

1. The first part of the document is a list of names and addresses. The names are written in a cursive hand, and the addresses are written in a more formal, printed hand. The list is organized into two columns, with names on the left and addresses on the right. The names are: John Smith, James Brown, William Jones, and Thomas White. The addresses are: 123 Main Street, New York, NY; 456 Elm Street, Boston, MA; 789 Oak Street, Philadelphia, PA; and 101 Pine Street, Washington, DC.

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